partment does not monitor import of individual drugs made by various companies/ parties.

(c) and (d) To the extent information is available the company producing this drug has been representing about problem in lifting of its material. This has been taken up with Drug Control (India) and Narcotic Commissioner of India that import of this drug be allowed subject to indigenous clearance.

Transfers of Officers in IDPL

1338. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 809 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names and designation of the officers; and others who have been transferred by IDPL during the last three years date-wise;

(b) how many have not joined duty at their new places and how many have represented against the transfers and what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that IDPL and HAL have kept several officers of his Ministry on their pay roll;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry extended financial assistance to these companies; and

(e) if so, what is the assistnce extended during the last three years the purpose for which it was extended and how of it has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) The details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLVI Annexure No. 67].

(b) 22 employees have not reported for duty at their new places of posting. 4 employees have represented against their transfer orders on personal grounds.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Details of plan and non-plan assistance given to IDPL and HAL during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	IDPL	HAL
1987-88 . . .	8·30	7·00
1988-89 . . .	9·50	3·50
1989-90 . . .	8·00	4·30

HAL has utilised this assistance for capital expenditure. IDPL has utilised *this assistance for capital Investments,* augmenting working capital and to meet cash losses.

In addition HAL was given interest subsidy of Rs. 5.87 crores during 1987-88 and Rs. 5.15 crores each during 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Dangers in the use of Plastics

1339. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the potential dangers and saftey of plastics specially use of second hand containers as brought out in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 17th March, 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of these chemicals are ozone depleting leading to blobal warming;

(c) whether these also pose serious fire hazards; and

(d) whether these were also involved in mustard oil poisoning which have crippled and killed many persons in the past and if so, what preventive measures are proposed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Government has seen the Newspaper Report.

(b) to (d) Plastics are not konwn to have had any adverse impact on ozone layer. ISI standerds|international specifications are available for various plastic applications.

Radiation diseases in coastal Kerala

1340. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to high incidence of radiation diseases in costal Kerala as reported in the 'Economic Times' of the 3rd March, 1990; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Non-Governmental Organisations involved in this work are being encouraged and supported by Government in these studies; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the salient findings of the studies; and

(d) whether these are in keeping with results of similar studies carried out in USA and other countries and if so, what corrective steps are being taken|proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has not supported the study carried out by the Non-Governmental Organisations.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Effects of Environmental Pollutants

1341. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that environmental pollutants caused by industrialisation process affects foetus as well as the health of growing children and lactating mothers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following measures are being taken by the Government to control the situation:—

1. Strict implementation of the provisions of the Insecticides Act and the rules made thereunder;

2. By phasing out the persistant pollutants like DDT and BHC; and

3. By following safe spray methods so as to avoid contamination of the non-target species.

1342. [*Transferred to the 24th May*, 1990.]

Complaints against the accountant of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya

1343. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint regarding misappropriation of funds and indecent behaviour against the Accountant of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi has come to the Government's notice; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) In reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1530 answered on the 1st August, 1989, it was stated that there are no papers|record to show that a sum of Rs. 420|- was over charged by the Accountant of R.A K. College of Nursing on account of electricity charges from a trainee student of Master of Nursing. On a further reference from a Member of Parliament, an enquiry